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THE BEAUTIFUL CAPITAL OF CANADA

IN THE SUMMER OF 1815, some years before the coming of Colonel By of His Majesty's Engineers who in 1827 began, for strategicpurposes the construction of the Rideau Canal, uniting the Ottawa River with Lake, Onario, the Earl of Dalhousie, standing on the Hull Shore, opposite where Ottawa now standsremarked to a companion as he pointed to the height now known as Parliament Hill: "Do not be surprised if some day you should see on yonder eminence the seat of the Government of the two Canadas."

The prophecy of the noble Earl has been realized and the point named Ondatawa in Algonquin phraseology and latter as By Town in honour of Colonel By has now become the beautiful city of Ottawa, the Capital of the Dominion of Canada, with a population of 150,000, recognized everywhere as a center of wealth, industry and culture, with a possession of charm and scenic loveliness and endowered with historic associations, embellished with architectural treasures, that leave their impress on all who visit and enjoy its hospitality.

Nature with bountiful generosity has endowed the setting of the Canadian Capital with the best gifts she can bestow. From the woody sided precipitous plateau the eye is charmed and the imagination quickened by the vista of scenic loveliness presented. To the westward in the distance lie the blue-veiled Laurentian Mountains. Below sweeps the majestic Ottawa River and joining it nearby descending through the Laurentians, rushes the turbulent Gatineau. Nearby, too, the placid Rideau falls like a silken curtain into the Ottawa.

Being essentially a Government city, the centre of its energy and interest is the magnificent buildings known as the Federal Houses of Parliament, an imposing, tower-crowned gothic pile, surmounting and dominating the plateau which overlooks the broad and glistening Ottawa River and from which a commanding view of the surrounding country is obtainable.

The original Houses of Parliament, completed in the year 1867, were destroyed by fire with tragic consequences in the year 1916, but from their ashes have arisen a structure far more beautiful and in historic interest and symbolism far more wonderful.

In the construction of the new Houses of Parliament, all the genius consecrated to Art has been lavishly expended upon it. Confederation Hall, otherwise known as the Hall of Fame, a splendid corridor connecting the main entrance beneath the great tower housing the Carillon of fifty-three bells, with the magnificent Library situated in the rear, is in conception and execution, an artistic masterpiece of design, that will repay every lover of the beautiful who desires to visit and study the intent and purpose of its artistry. The great central structure, in the foregound is winged by the East and West Blocks, similar in construction and forming a triology of architectural beauty unsurpassed.

Government House, the official residence of the Governor General, is a fine estate situated near Rockcliffe Park, within two miles of the Houses of Parliament, and approached through a winding tree-lined avenue.

Supplementing Nature, the Ottawa Improvement Commission has done much to beautify the city. The Government Driveway, a continuous park, with miniature lakes, water-bordered pathways and rustic bridges, connects Rockcliffe Park with the Experimental Farm and with its various extensions has an approximate length of thirty miles and constitutes a driveway unequalled in loveliness on the American continent.

Rockcliffe Park, 185 acres in extent, Strathcona and Major's Hill Park, with others of lesser note, provide a delightful chain of verdant and healthful open spaces.

The Experimental Farm, situated 3 miles from the City Hall, covers 460 acres, and is conveniently reached by an excellent car service and by the Dominion Driveway.

Beauty spots in the form of architectural treasures everywhere arise throughout the City in the form of departmental buildings, including the Archives, Connaught Block, Victoria Museum (including the National Gallery of Canada), Dominion Observatory, Royal Mint and others representative of Federal activities.

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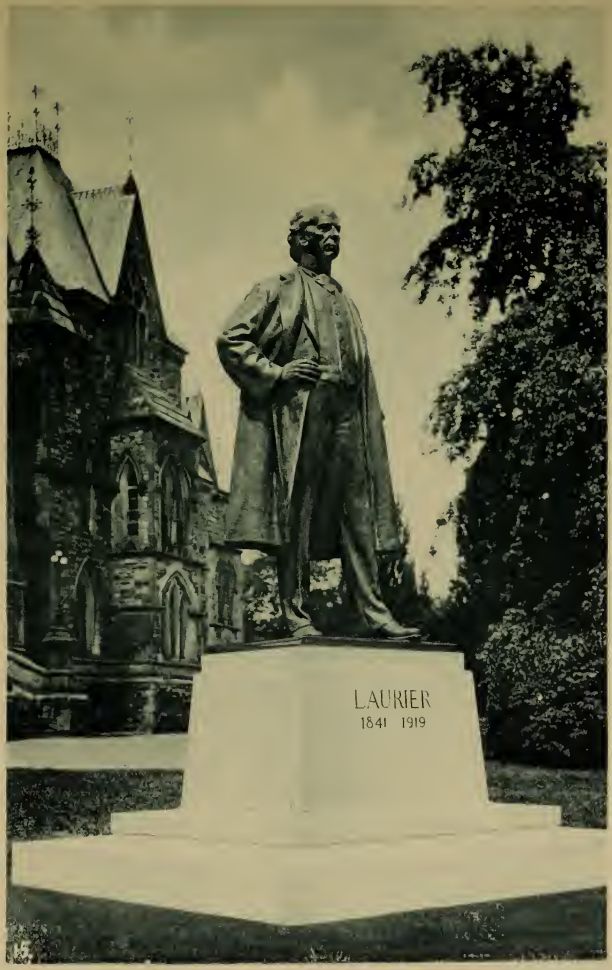

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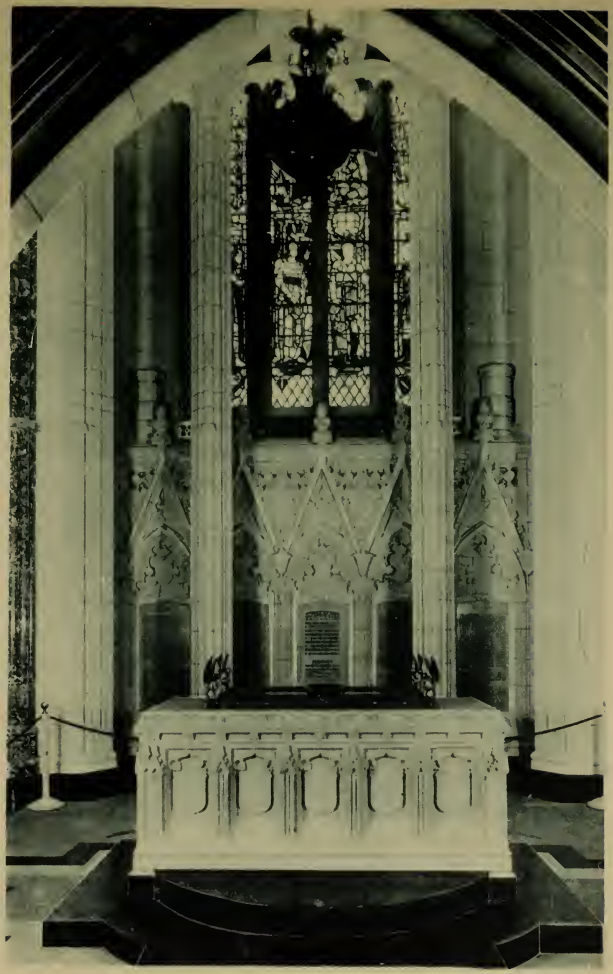

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